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SUBJ: SADIQ AL-MAHDI COOPERATES

REF: KHARTOUM 1358

1. SADIQ AL-MAHDI'S PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH NIMEIRI (REFTEL) RESULTED IN AGREEMENT THAT SADIQ WOULD NOT RESIGN FROM SUDAN SOCIALIST UNION. PRESUMABLY HE ALSO AGREED TO TAKE SSU OATH AND ACCEPT MEMBERSHIP IN SSU POLITBURO. IN RETURN, NIMEIRI AGREED TO ALLOW HIM TWO OR THREE MONTHS FREE TIME BEFORE ASSUMING SSU RESPONSIBILITIES SO THAT HE CAN PERSUADE HIS FOLLOWING IN MAHDIST SECT OF WISDOM OF RECONCILIATION AND INTEGRATION. IN ADDITION, SADIQ WANTS TO WAIT UNTIL ANSAR HAVE RETURNED TO SUDAN. ANSAR, PARAMILITARY ARM OF MAHDIST SECT, HAVE SEVERAL THOUSAND MEMBERS IN LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA. ANSAR IN LIBYA ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN SOON AS RESULT PARTLY SADIQ'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH QADDAFI.

2. COMMENT: THESE ARE PROBABLY VALID REASONS FOR POSTPONING SADIQ'S DEBUT IN NIMEIRI'S GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH SADIQ'S QUARREL WITH NIMEIRI WAS GOOD NEWS TO MOST
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OPPOSITION FIGURES WHO DISLIKE ONE ANOTHER MORE THAN THEY OPPOSE NIMEIRI, FOR SUDAN GENERALLY NEW RECONCILIATION HOPEFULLY FOLLOWED BY PERIOD OF CALM IS WELCOME NEWS.
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